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Subject: Lowell Wastewater CSO Discharge Notification - End
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Diversion End Time (24-hour clock): 6/11/19 @ 0245

This is a public notification that discharges of untreated Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) recently underway at Lowell Wastewater Utility's diversion structures are no longer discharging. These CSO diversions are an untreated mixture of stormwater and sewage that is discharged into nearby receiving waters when the capacity of the local wastewater transport and treatment systems are exceeded as a result of heavy rain.

These diversions occur only when necessary to reduce risks to public health and safety that would otherwise result from street flooding and property damage. We are constantly working to improve our high-flow management program in order to reduce the volume and frequency of these discharges.

Due to elevated levels of bacteria concentrations, public health officials recommend avoiding primary contact recreation (swimming) following CSO discharges. Even when no CSOs are discharged, elevated bacteria concentrations in the Merrimack and Concord rivers are likely to occur as a result of heavy rain.

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